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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

This set of claims is a clean set of pending claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-20, consolidating any previous versions of pending claims into this single clean version, NO CHANGES are made in this response.

1. (Twice Amended) A chemical analysis system comprising

a means for spotting a sample liquid onto a first chemical analysis element for measuring the concentration of a specific component contained in the sample liquid,